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Export Certificate Report

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Report Highlights:

This report covers only export certificates required by Hungary, which differ from EU export certificate requirements.

Includes PSD Changes: No
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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By May 2004, Hungary had fully implemented all EU regulations regarding export certificates. For information on export certificates relevant to the EU, please see GAINS report E35010.

Plant Products

Hungary has maintained specific regulations for the trade of plant genetics, namely fruit plant seedlings, grape vine seedlings, and seeds of sunflower, alfalfa, beans, tomatoes, and potato (bulbs for planting). The EU prohibits the import of grape vine seedlings from outside of the European Union.

Seedlings of fruit trees (shrubs), imported to Hungary from another Member country or a third country, must be accompanied by EU conformity certificates. If a "registered" certifier certifies that a shipment is from another Member country, the Hungarian authorities will accept it. If the Member country certifier is not an accredited one, or if the shipment is from a third country (outside of the EU), the certificate must refer to the results of a prior plant health analyses required by the corresponding EU directives.

For seeds of the above-mentioned plant species, Member countries use a "seed passport" to cover planting seed shipments between Member countries. From third countries, the certificate must indicate the results of the required laboratory analyses.

Hungarian certificate requirements meet those set by 2000/29 EC (Official Journal, L002 07/01/2003)

Hungarian plant health authorities accept third country certificates in the major languages of: English, German, French, and Russian

Animal Products

For the import of animal products, EU harmonized certificates cover the majority of domesticated livestock and poultry, meat, and meat products. These requirements contain different requirements for individual countries or groups of countries, depending on their animal health status.

For some special products, such as live games (for restocking), honey, etc. harmonized certificate requirements are not yet completed. To export these specific commodities, the Hungarian buyer needs to contact the appropriate authorities as listed at the end of this report for current information.

Language Requirements

For transshipments destined to Hungary, the Hungarian translation of a certificate is not required.

For direct shipments (via air or at border points from non-EU neighboring countries), the Hungarian translation of a certificate is required. This is because the point of entry to the EU is Hungary.

Responsible Authorities for Health Certificates:

Livestock and Animal Products:

Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development
Veterinary and Food Control Department
H-1054 Budapest
Kossuth L. ter 11.
Hungary

Plants and Crop products:

Budapest Plant Health and Soil Conservation Station
Plant Quarantine Office
H-1118 Budapest
Budaorsi ut. 141-145.